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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the process is continuous.

4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that

- a) the aromatic or heteroaromatic compound is firstly derivatised,
- b) the resultant derivative is dissolved in a solvent and
- c) nitrated in a micromixer using a nitrating reagent, and
- d) the nitrated product is isolated from the resultant solution.

5. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the nitrated product is separated off from the reaction mixture by extraction with a solvent.